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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION  
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SUBJECT: Authorization of Couriers and Guards to Carry Firearms...

REFERENCE: Central Intelligence Act of 1949, Public Law 110-81st  
Congress, approved 20 June 1949.

1. Under reference law, couriers and guards are authorized to carry firearms when engaged in transportation of confidential documents and materials affecting the national defense and security.

2. The following general policies will apply:

a. Authority is limited to those instances involving risk or danger of theft.

b. Normally, couriers in the Washington Metropolitan Area need not be armed.

c. Carrying personal firearms while on official business is prohibited.

3. The Chief of Inspection and Security, acting for the Director, is responsible for:

a. Authorizing the carrying of firearms in each case.

b. Issuing necessary credentials.

c. Assuring the individual's familiarity with the weapon from official records or through training. An issue of up to 100 rounds of ammunition per individual for training is hereby authorized.

d. Assuring that arms and ammunition are returned daily, immediately after the trip for which issued, or as soon as the need no longer exists.

e. Instructing all persons in civilian clothes as to concealment of arms. Military personnel in uniform will comply with service regulations.

f. Coordination to insure proper accounting and maintenance of arms and ammunition.

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4. Assistant Directors and Staff Chiefs will:

a. Furnish to the Chief of Inspection and Security (with justifications):

(1) Names and assignments of individuals and alternates required to carry firearms either on a continuing basis, frequently, or occasionally by specific request.


(2) Designations of field offices or other installations in the United States requiring the issue of firearms, giving names and assignments of persons to be armed.

b. Issue the necessary instructions for the use of firearms outside the United States.

c. Refer to the Chief, Inspection and Security, any request for exceptions to the provisions of this Instruction.

5. Nothing herein applies to the official use of firearms for authorized operational or training purposes, or to the authorized arming of couriers or guards outside of the United States.

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